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Today

High: 55

Low: 48

Sunrise: 0630

Sunset: 1649

Isolated Showers



Tomorrow

High: 69

Low: 58

Sunrise: 0632

Sunset: 1646

Isolated Showers



IKE Sailors Observe Native American Heritage Month

By MCSN Nathan Parde

—5 Star Staff Writer

This November marks the 19th annual celebration of national Native American Heritage Month.

Established by President George H. W. Bush on August 3, 1990, the purpose of Native American Heritage Month is to recognize the significant contributions the first Americans had in the creation of America and its culture.

The theme for this year's heritage month is "Celebrating Tribal Nations: America's Great Partners."

At every stage of our country's development, Native Americans have played a significant role. From serving as scouts for the U.S. Cavalry, to fighting as members of the Union and the Confederacy in the American Civil War, Native Americans have protected our nation at



home and aboard. Approximately 12,000 Native Americans fought on the Western Front in World War I and more than 21,000 Native Americans fought against the Axis powers in World War II.

Twenty-four Native Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor in combat for courage above and beyond the call of duty. As Native Americans have lived, fought and died, they have shared their culture with the broader American culture. ★

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month on IKE, there will be a presentation Nov. 24 in hangar bay 2 at 9 a.m. Several Sailors with Native American ancestry will speak on the culture, history and heritage of their tribes. All Sailors are invited to attend.

Sports Corner

Recession Is a Relative Term in Baseball

By William C. Rhoden

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

Recession? What recession? Friday was the first day major league baseball teams could have contract discussions with free agents who were with other clubs last season. For teams like the Yankees, it was the opening of hunting season.

The Yankees, who had a major-league-high \$209.1 million payroll this year, offered pitcher C.C. Sabathia a six-year deal worth at least \$140 million, which would make him the highest-paid pitcher in baseball history.

How can this be? Global markets stagger, but baseball rolls on.

In baseball, salaries tend to reflect the income of the previous year, and baseball has enjoyed several good years.

"Historically, baseball has been recession resistant," Don Fehr, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said Sunday during a telephone interview. "If you look at baseball's income numbers beginning with the late 1970s, even though we went through bad recessions in the early '80s, in the late '80s and in the early '90s, you didn't see all that much effect. That doesn't necessarily tell you what will

happen this time."

At a news conference last week, the Yankees co-chairman Hal Steinbrenner told reporters — somewhat remarkably given the economic climate — that "everything has a price."

"We understand free agency," Steinbrenner said. "We're going to go after what we need. If what we're willing to do is not enough, then it won't be enough. But we're going to pursue the market aggressively."

The Boston Red Sox' president, Larry Lucchino, told reporters that despite the global economic crisis he expected "crazy competition" for the elite free agents. He said that spending on high-end free agents would be largely unaffected by the downturn.

"I think it's a little too soon to feel the likely effects of this deep recession that the country is veering into," said Lucchino, whose Red Sox announced last week that they were freezing ticket prices. "There may still be some crazy competition going on for this year's free agents."

Economy or not, bidding on free agents is expected to be ferocious. Manny Ramírez was reportedly offered a two-year deal worth about \$55 million to stay with the Dodgers.

Sunday's Game Scores

Denver 24, Atlanta 20
 Miami 17, Oakland 15
 Green Bay 37, Chicago 3
 Giants 30, Baltimore 10
 Indianapolis 33, Houston 27
 Carolina 31, Detroit 22
 Philadelphia 13, Cincinnati 13, tie
 New Orleans 30, Kansas City 20
 Tampa Bay 19, Minnesota 13
 Arizona 26, Seattle 20
 San Francisco 35, St. Louis 16
 Pittsburgh 11, San Diego 10

Questions of the Day



BMR

(1) Can you salute with your left hand?

EAWS



(2) What is Newton's third law?

ESWS



(3) What does RAM stand for?

Answers

- (3) Rolling Airframe Missile.
 (2) For every action, there is an opposite reaction.
 (1) Yes, if the right hand is encumbered.

Air Traffic Controllers in CATCC are A-OK For Control

By MC3 (SW) Patrick Gearhiser
—5 Star Staff Writer

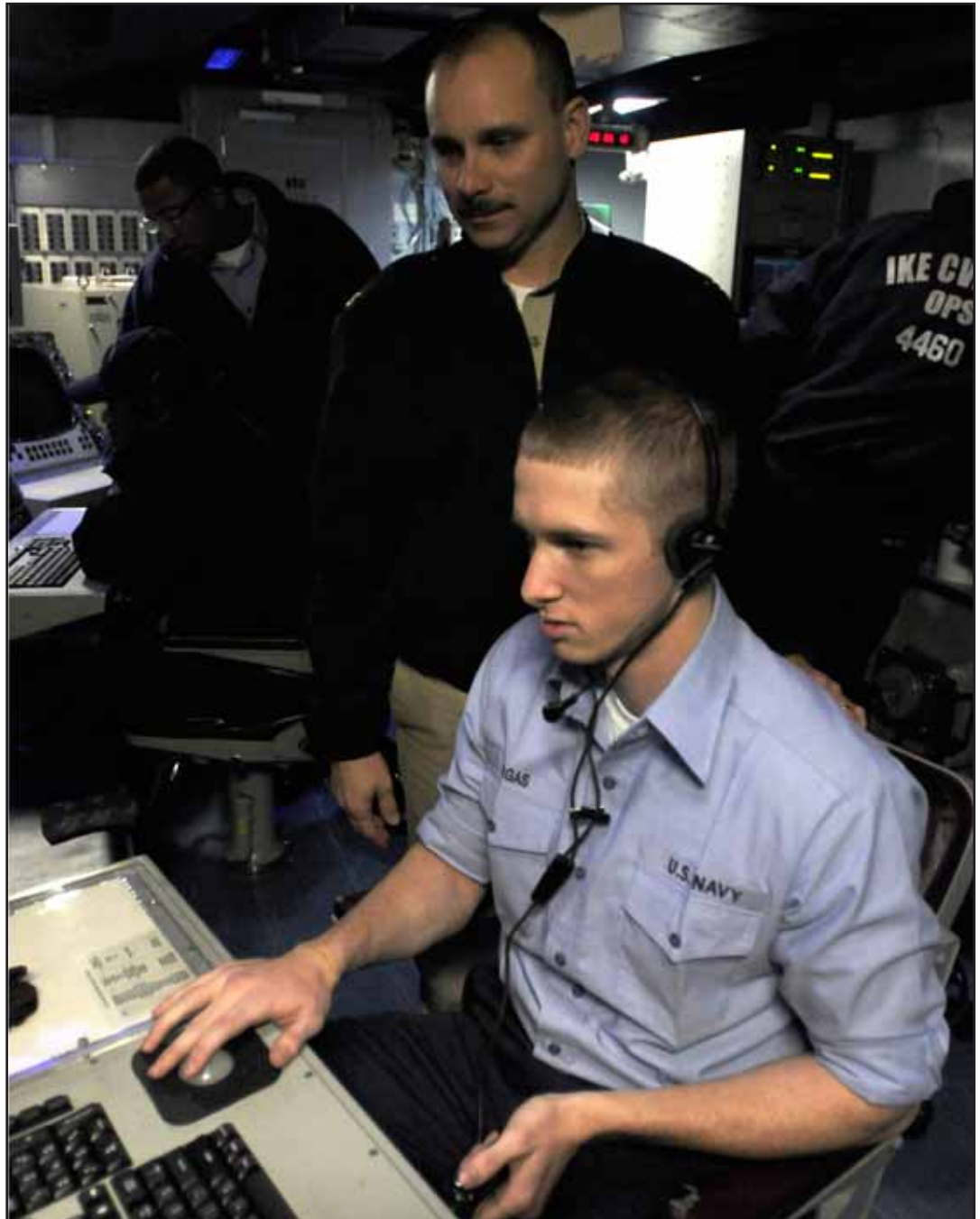
The main purpose of an aircraft carrier like the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) is to provide air support where and when it's needed. A crucial part of the mission is the Sailors who work out of the Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATCC) and Carrier Control Approach (CCA).

These work centers allow Sailors to do their jobs of monitoring, controlling the approach, launching and recovering carrier-based aircraft.

"It's very important because the flight deck [crew] and the Air Boss only have certain times when the flight deck is ready," said Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller Gregory Carter, LCPO for CATCC. "So the first aircraft, when it [lands], the Air Boss will want it to come down at a certain time. Not just within a couple of minutes, if he says the time it needs to come down is 2028...then the aircraft has to hit the deck no earlier than 2028. The controllers here take pride in that and try to get the aircraft down at the right time."

Life in CATCC and CCA can sometimes be difficult for Sailors, primarily during intense flight operations.

"If we have a lot going on it can be hectic, coordinating with the Air Boss up in the tower and making sure that everything's going smoothly for flight operations," said Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class (AW) Teresa Kiel. "You definitely have to be organized to keep track of who you're talking to



Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Jon Holz supervises Air Traffic Controller Airman Bradley Vargas on one of the main displays. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Patrick Gearhiser)

and where they are on the scope. If you know what you're doing, it can make situations less hectic."

Several of the Sailors who work in these spaces are new to this job and environment,

but Carter has nothing but praise for them and the others that work there.

"For many of the controllers here, this is their first duty station and is the first time a lot of them have talked to real air-

craft," he said. "I think these guys do a great job while under a tremendous amount of pressure. It's an awesome responsibility that they have to control these aircraft and I wouldn't want any other crew." ★

Ready for Take-Off!



Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class (AW) Teresa Kiel trains to become a case 1 weather condition supervisor.



Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Jon Holz and Senior Chief Air Traffic Controller (AW/SW) Yvonne Topf read information on one of the displays in CATCC.



Sailors watch aircraft status on the ISIS system in Air Operations.

**Photos by Mass Communication Specialist
3rd Class (SW) Patrick Gearhiser**

SAILOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Aviation Boatswain's Mate
3rd Class (AW/SW) Robertha
Glenn
Air Department/V-4 Division

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuel) (AW/SW) 3rd Class Robertha Glenn, 21, was born and raised in Westbury, N.Y. Her family moved to Orlando, Fl. in 2002, where she attended Oak Ridge High School. Active in many sports, including soccer, basketball, weightlifting and track and field, Glenn won state competitions her junior and senior years and was honored as an "All American" her senior year.

On August 8, 2005, approximately two months after graduating from high school, Glenn joined the Navy in search of new experiences, to travel and to better herself as a person.

Glenn reported to IKE, her first command, as an undesignated airman. She earned both of her warfare qualifications before testing for third class, and she was advanced her first time up for promotion.

Shortly after being promoted to petty officer third class, Glenn was selected as IKE's Blue Jacket of the Year for 2007.

In her free time, Glenn can often be found studying.

From Around the Fleet

Navy Announces Preference To Homeport Aircraft Carrier In Mayport

Courtesy of Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- As part of an environmental impact statement (EIS), the Navy announced today its "preferred alternative" is to homeport a single nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (CVN) at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport, Fla.

The EIS examined potential consequences of constructing and operating facilities and infrastructure associated with homeporting additional surface ships at NAVSTA Mayport. The EIS evaluated resources in the Mayport area that may be affected by the proposed action, such as air and water quality, biological resources, marine mammals and threatened or

endangered species, land use, cultural resources, and socioeconomics. The EIS also accounted for cumulative impacts from other activities in the Mayport area.

After consultation with the public, key individuals and numerous organizations, the Navy considered 275 official comments while assessing 13 EIS alternatives. Ultimately, the Navy concluded that homeporting a CVN at NAVSTA Mayport would increase operational readiness while affording the necessary environmental protections.

The last Navy aircraft carrier to be homeported in Mayport was the conventionally powered USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), which was decommissioned in 2007.

The Navy's preferred alternative involves homeport-

ing one CVN and associated infrastructure modifications. These include dredging, infrastructure and wharf improvements, and construction of CVN nuclear propulsion plant maintenance facilities. Homeporting a CVN at NAVSTA Mayport reduces risk to fleet resources in the event of a natural disaster, manmade calamity, or attack by foreign nations or terrorists. This includes risks to aircraft carriers, industrial support facilities, and the people that operate and maintain these crucial assets.

A Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement will be published to the Federal Register Nov. 21. The Record of Decision is expected in late December.

MWR Note

IKE's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division and First Class Petty Officer's Association is hosting this year's Children's Holiday party Dec. 7 at the LP Hangar at Naval Station Norfolk.

Children will be able to enjoy music, food, crafts, the rock wall and even meet Santa. IKE will be selling tickets on the aft mess decks underway from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$3 per child and with a maximum charge of \$10 for families with more than three children.

Legal Note

A Legal Assistant Attorney will be on board IKE today at 3 p.m. until return to homeport to prepare wills for Sailors. Sailors interested in this service should call Legal at J-dial 6004, 6005 or 6008 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled in half hour increments from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Now Playing on IKE Movies

Channel 5

9 a.m. *The Contract*
 11 a.m. *The Bucket List*
 1 p.m. *Deception*
 3 p.m. *The Contract*
 5 p.m. *The Bucket List*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *The House Bunny*
 10 p.m. *Deception*
 12 a.m. *The House Bunny*
 2 a.m. *The Bucket List*
 4 a.m. *Deception*

Channel 6

9 a.m. *Ghostbusters 2*
 11 a.m. *Four Brothers*
 1 p.m. *The Life Aquatic*
 3 p.m. *Ghostbusters 2*
 5 p.m. *Four Brothers*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *The Rocker*
 10 p.m. *The Life Aquatic*
 12 a.m. *The Rocker*
 2 a.m. *Four Brothers*
 4 a.m. *The Life Aquatic*

Channel 7

9 a.m. *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
 11 a.m. *Meet the Fockers*
 1 p.m. *Perfect Stranger*
 3 p.m. *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
 5 p.m. *Meet the Fockers*
 7 p.m. *Training*
 8:30 p.m. *Vantage Point*
 10 p.m. *Perfect Stranger*
 12 a.m. *Robin Hood: Men in Tights*
 2 a.m. *Meet the Fockers*
 4 a.m. *Perfect Stranger*

Around the World

Conclave Looks to Set New Direction for Tibeta

By Edward Wong

— Courtesy of the Times Digest

DEQIN, China — As the flames of anti-Chinese riots and protests engulfed many Tibetan areas of western China last spring, soldiers sent to the towns and villages of the deep river valleys around here encountered nothing but silence.

Political moderation is the norm in this corner of the Tibetan world. A steady flow of ethnic Han Chinese tourists has lifted incomes in recent years. Farmers convert old homes into guesthouses.

Monasteries are erecting new buildings.

Perhaps nowhere is there a better example of the "middle way" attitude promoted by the Dalai Lama, the exiled Buddhist avatar who advocates a nonviolent movement for Tibetan autonomy within China but not outright independence.

"Whatever he does, we do," said Tashi, a driver who keeps a portrait of the Dalai Lama on his dashboard even though such images are banned in China. "We don't want to make trouble."

But the calm here could soon crumble, depending on the outcome of a six-day meeting of Tibetan exiles scheduled to begin Monday in India. The conclave is the first of its kind since 1991. The Dalai Lama has called for hundreds of Tibetans to gather in the Himalayan town of Dharamsala, the seat of the Tibetan government in exile, to help decide on a new strategy for Tibet.

The Dalai Lama said this month that his drive to secure autonomy for Tibet through negotiations with the Chinese government had failed, an admission that strengthened the hand of younger Tibetans who have long agitated for a more radical approach and who have demanded independence.

Fierce denunciations by the Chinese government last week also bolster the hard-line position.

A senior official, Zhu Weiqun, said at a news conference in Beijing last Monday that China would never accept the Dalai Lama's demand for autonomy. The Dalai Lama, he said, intends to split up China, reinstate a theocracy and carry out the "ethnic cleansing" of Han Chinese.

The rebuke, the harshest from the Chinese government since the violence last spring, contributed to the breakdown of talks between Chinese officials and envoys of the Dalai Lama that had been taking place since 2002. In the eighth and last round of talks, from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5, the Tibetan envoys presented the Chinese government with a memorandum detailing the Dalai Lama's longstanding call for autonomy.

"I think the breakdown of the talks between Beijing and the Dalai Lama is a major disaster, and it has now created a no-win situation for the Tibetans and China," said Tsering Shakya, a Tibetan historian at the University of British Columbia.



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